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## Memorial Day, May 30th

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being its birthplace. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were caring for graves before the end of the Civil War. Waterloo, N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in 1966, but it is more likely that there were many separate beginnings. Every gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into a fundamental human need. It is not important who was the first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. This day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.

Memorial Day was first officially observed on May 30th, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. Although this year's day of remembrance has past as of the publication of this newsletter, the Oregon Federal Executive Board honors the sacrifices that the men and women of the armed forces have made in defense of our nation and our freedom. As federal employees, we should keep these brave patriots in our hearts and minds not only on Memorial Day, but throughout the year.



## In Brief . . .

- **OFEB Thanks and Recognizes Federal Volunteers at Public Service Recognition Week Luncheon**

On Tuesday, May 3rd, the Oregon Federal Executive Board (OFEB) paused as part of Public Service Recognition Week to acknowledge the marvelous federal employees who have volunteered their time and talents to the OFEB over the past year. Policy Committee members and the chairs of various other committees that have been so vital to the success of the organization attended. OFEB Chair Jerry Lorang, Director, Veterans Affairs Regional Office, presented certificates of thanks to each volunteer and shared his thoughts on the value of public service. "It is important to take time and take the responsibility to thank and recognize our federal employees who do so much for the good of the public," Jerry emphasized. The OFEB is grateful to all federal, state and local government employees who serve our communities and our nation in their daily work and through our organization.

- **Portland Emergency Exercise Helps Local Federal Managers Stay Prepared**

"If your agency was forced to relocate in the event of an emergency, and also had to respond to that emergency, how would you manage that?" This was one of the many challenging questions presented to over 60 local agency leaders and emergency managers at "Steadfast Response 2005."

Sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), General Services Administration and the Oregon Federal Executive Board, the tabletop exercise was held May 19th at the Green-Wyatt Federal Building in Portland. The attendees were divided into three groups, based upon their Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) development. Each went through the simulation of an emergency



and discussed of how to respond to it. The objectives of the exercise were to: 1) meet the national requirements of Presidential Decision Directive 67, 2) enhance Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) and familiarization, 3) validate agency COOP plans and procedures, and 4) provide a forum for discussing COOP issues and best practices.

Thanks to June Uson of FEMA and Ray Robins of GSA for organizing the event, the facilitators from EPA, the subject matter experts from FEMA nationwide, the local volunteer scribes, FEMA's IT expert Tom Hall, Ron Johnson of the Oregon Federal Executive Board and to those in attendance for their active participation.

- **FEMA Continues COOP Preparation with Managers Training Courses**

FEMA continues to take their Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Managers Training Course for federal, state, and local emergency managers on the road throughout the region. The same course held in Portland on Nov. 16 - 18, 2004 will also be offered **June 8 - 10 in Seattle, June 28 - 30 in Salem and July 18 - 20 in Spokane**. To register, go to the OFEB web site at [www.oregon.feb.gov](http://www.oregon.feb.gov) and follow the link on the opening page under "Features." Just complete the Form 75-5 and fax it to June Uson of FEMA at (425) 487-4777. A training flyer for the Salem session is also available on the web site. For more information, contact June at (425) 487-4634 or [June.Uson@dhs.gov](mailto:June.Uson@dhs.gov).

- **Willamette Valley Federal Executive Association Back in Action**

Federal leaders from Albany to Sheridan and points in between came together again for the first time in a while to revive the Willamette Valley Federal Executive Association (FEA). The FEA is an official organization of the Office of Personnel Management, typically serving smaller populations of federal employees and supported by a larger local Federal Executive Board. David Cox and his staff at the Federal Highway Administration in Salem hosted, as a dozen federal agency directors or senior managers got re-acquainted and shared their thoughts on common issues and challenges. Lynn Flint of the Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Portland also presented the recently approved leadership and development training program proposal, which will be rolled out by the Oregon Federal Executive Board (OFEB) later this year. The next meeting will be held **Friday, July 22nd**, 1 - 3 p.m. A location is still being negotiated, so watch this newsletter and the OFEB web site for further details.

- **NARA Hosts Records Administration Conference (RACO) West 2005 in Seattle**

RACO West 2005, to be held **Tuesday, June 28th**, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., provides a professional training opportunity for federal records officers, records management professionals, information managers, and information technology professionals. Hosted by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) - Pacific Alaska Region, expert speakers will present challenges and changes in electronic records management and provide the latest updates in the records management field.

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel & Towers, 1400 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101, phone (206) 621-9000. The registration fee is \$150.00 per person (includes lunch and break refreshments). A registration form is available at: [www.archives.gov/facilities/wa/seattle/records\\_management\\_conf.html](http://www.archives.gov/facilities/wa/seattle/records_management_conf.html). Completed registration forms may be e-mailed, faxed, or mailed to RACO Registrar Kelley Yackley, National Archives and Records Administration - Pacific Alaska Region, 6125 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115, phone (206) 336-5144, fax (206) 336-5112 or e-mail [seattle.workshops@nara.gov](mailto:seattle.workshops@nara.gov).

- **Governmentwide Relocation Advisory Board (GRAB) Seeking Feedback from Relocated Employees**

The General Services Administration and The Government Relocation Advisory Board have developed an on-line survey through which they are seeking insight from transferred employees and agency relocation managers. GRAB hopes to better understand whether or not the needs, expectations and level of satisfaction with relocation allowances authorized by the FTR have been met for transferred employees. Agency relocation managers are requested to complete a separate on-line survey to provide their insights as to whether the agency needs, expectations and level of satisfaction with relocation allowance benefits authorized by the FTR have been met.

Whether you are an employee who was relocated or an agency manager that relocated employees during FY '04, your feedback is important. Completing the surveys should not take more than 15 minutes. Please disseminate this information throughout your agency. Your participation in these surveys is greatly appreciated.

Federal Agency Survey:

[www.surveysolutions.com/gsa/agency.htm](http://www.surveysolutions.com/gsa/agency.htm)

Employee Evaluation of Federal Relocation Program:

[www.surveysolutions.com/gsa/emp.htm](http://www.surveysolutions.com/gsa/emp.htm)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2005	
<b>6/1, 2 - 4 pm</b>	<b>Shared Neutrals Committee*</b>
<b>Location:</b> Robert Duncan Plaza 333 SW 1st Ave., 10th Fl., Portland, OR 97204	
<b>6/2, 9 - 11 am</b>	<b>2005 CFC Leadership Team Meeting*</b>
<b>Location:</b> Federal Highway Administration 610 E Fifth St., Vancouver, WA 98661	
<b>6/9, 10:30 am - 12 pm</b>	<b>Minority Business Opportunity*</b>
<b>Location:</b> Port of Portland Building 121 NW Everett St., Portland, OR 97209	
<b>6/15-16, 8:30 am</b>	<b>CSRS Retirement &amp; Estate Planning</b>
<b>Location:</b> Green-Wyatt Federal Bldg. 1220 SW 3rd Ave., #272, Portland, OR 97204	
<b>Cost:</b> \$100 federal, \$40 non-federal spouses. <b>THIS CLASS IS FULL.</b> Contact Mary Ceciliani at <a href="mailto:mcecilia@pcez.com">mcecilia@pcez.com</a> for questions or possible cancellations.	
<b>6/28, 8 am - 1:30 pm</b>	<b>OFEB Policy Committee Meeting*</b>
<b>Location:</b> To Be Determined	

July 2005	
<b>7/6, 2 - 4 pm</b>	<b>Shared Neutrals Committee*</b>
<b>Location:</b> Robert Duncan Plaza 333 SW 1st Ave., 10th Fl., Portland, OR 97204	
<b>7/13-14, 8:30 am</b>	<b>CSRS Retirement &amp; Estate Planning</b>
<b>Location:</b> Green-Wyatt Federal Bldg. 1220 SW 3rd Ave., #272, Portland, OR 97204	
<b>Cost:</b> \$100 federal, \$40 non-federal spouses. <b>THIS CLASS IS FULL.</b> Contact Mary Ceciliani at <a href="mailto:mcecilia@pcez.com">mcecilia@pcez.com</a> for questions or possible cancellations.	
<b>7/14, 10:30 am - 12 pm</b>	<b>Minority Business Opportunity*</b>
<b>Location:</b> Port of Portland Building 121 NW Everett St., Portland, OR 97209	
<b>7/14, 10 am - 12 pm</b>	<b>Oregon Interagency COOP Partnership*</b>
<b>Location:</b> Green-Wyatt Federal Bldg. 1220 SW 3rd Ave., #272, Portland, OR 97204	
<b>7/22, 1 - 3 pm</b>	<b>Willamette Valley Federal Exec. Assoc.</b>
<b>Location:</b> To Be Determined	

\* See meeting description below

## OFEB COMMITTEE CORNERS

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Policy Committee</b></p> <p>The Policy Committee will meet on June 28th to review OFEB committee charters, OFEB operations and to evaluate the requirements for the implementation of the OFEB's new leadership development and training program.</p> <p><b>Q?:</b> Ron Johnson, 503-326-2060; Jerry Lorang, 503-326-2515</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Administrative Services</b></p> <p>Committee Co-Chairs Lynda Stelzer and Kathy Eaton are working on charter agreements for theirs and their two sub-committees, the MBOC and Shared Neutrals. The next Admin. Services Committee meeting is expected to be in June.</p> <p><b>Q?:</b> Lynda Stelzer, 503-230-4966; Kathy Eaton, 503-808-6092</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Combined Federal Campaign</b></p> <p>The Columbia River/Willamette Valley CFC hold its first 2005 Leadership Team meeting on June 2nd. Chair Wendy Haney of the Federal Highway Admin. in Vancouver hosts. Topics include the campaign theme and promotional strategy. The VA Medical Center is also working on another local CFC video.</p> <p><b>Q?:</b> Jeff Sargent, 503-326-3030; Wendy Haney, 360-619-7930</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Emergency Preparedness</b></p> <p>Co-Chairs Les Miller and Gail Dreckman recently met with the OFEB to confirm that Jeff Sargent of the OFEB will take the lead to carry out the implementation of the Workplace Safety Preparedness Plan. The next quarterly Oregon Interagency COOP Partnership (OICP) meeting is July 14th in Portland.</p> <p><b>Q?:</b> Gail Dreckman, 503-230-3778; Les Miller, 503-808-4400</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minority Business Opportunity</b></p> <p>The MBOC continues to plan for the 2005 MED Week luncheon on Oct. 5th, featuring keynote speaker Martin Luther King III. To nominate a minority business for an award, go to the web site at <a href="http://www.oregon.feb.gov/mboc">www.oregon.feb.gov/mboc</a>.</p> <p><b>Q?:</b> Rhonnda Edmiston, 503-944-7587; Mary Witty, 503-326-5105</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Public Affairs</b></p> <p>The Public Affairs Committee is currently planning their next quarterly event, expected to be held in mid-July. Watch this newsletter or the OFEB web site for further information.</p> <p><b>Q?:</b> Michael Campbell, 503-808-6031</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Shared Neutrals/ADR</b></p> <p>The Shared Neutrals Board welcomes Tamara Moland as the new Program Coordinator. The Board also continues work on a pilot program for group conflict facilitation services. Another successful annual meeting was held May 12th in Gresham.</p> <p><b>Q?:</b> Fran Peterson, 503-819-1087; Tamara Moland, 503-808-6344</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Did You Know?</b></p> <p>On June 14, 1903 a flash flood caused the failure of the Willow Creek Dam, and the town of Heppner, in eastern Oregon's Morrow County, was practically destroyed. The flood resulted in 225 deaths, making it one of the U.S.' most devastating floods of the 20th century.</p>



## OFEB Policy Committee

*Chair:* **Jerry Lorang**, Veterans Affairs Regional Office  
*Vice-Chair:* **Anne Badgley**, Regional Ecosystems Office

**Cathy Callahan**, National Labor Relations Board  
**Michael Campbell**, Bureau of Land Management  
**Randy Crockett**, Social Security Administration  
**Gail Dreckman**, Bonneville Power Administration  
**Kathy Eaton**, Bureau of Land Management  
**Janice Goodwin**, Nat'l Agricultural Statistics Service  
**Bob Graham**, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
**Harry T. Hall**, Fed. Energy Regulatory Commission

**Colonel Richard Hobernicht**, Army Corps of Engineers  
**Captain Paul Jewell**, U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety  
**Jim Johnson**, U.S. Postal Service  
**Bill McNamee**, DHS, Citizenship & Immigration  
**Les Miller**, Army Corps of Engineers  
**Lynda Stelzer**, Bonneville Power Administration  
**Captain Frank Williams**, Indian Health Service

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### Administrative Services

Kathy Eaton, Bureau of Land Mgmt., 503-808-6092  
Lynda Stelzer, Bonneville Power Adm., 503-230-4966

### Combined Federal Campaign

Wendy Haney, Federal Highway Admin., 360-619-7930

### Emergency Preparedness

Gail Dreckman, Bonneville Power Adm., 503-230-3778  
Les Miller, Army Corps of Engineers, 503-808-4400

### Minority Business Opportunity Committee

Rhonnda Edmiston, Port of Portland, 503-944-7587

### Public Affairs

Michael Campbell, BLM, 503-808-6031

### Shared Neutrals/Alternative Dispute Resolution

Fran Petersen, Bonneville Power Adm., 503-819-1087

## Links

Emergency Prep Info - [www.prepareoregon.org/oregon.html](http://www.prepareoregon.org/oregon.html)  
Fed Employees Health Benefits - [www.opm.gov/insure/health/](http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/)  
Federal Executive Boards - [www.feb.gov](http://www.feb.gov)  
Federal Jobs - [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov)  
Federal Long Term Care Insurance - [www.ltcfeds.com](http://www.ltcfeds.com)  
Federal Register - [www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/)  
Federal Thrift Savings Plan - [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov)

Air Force Reserve 939th ARW - [www.afrc.af.mil/939ARW](http://www.afrc.af.mil/939ARW)  
Army Corps of Engineers, NW Div. - [www.nwd.usace.army.mil](http://www.nwd.usace.army.mil)  
Army Corps of Engineers, Portland - [www.nwp.usace.army.mil](http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil)  
Bonneville Power Administration - [www.bpa.gov](http://www.bpa.gov)  
Bureau of Land Management - [www.or.blm.gov](http://www.or.blm.gov)  
Bureau of Reclamation - [www.usbr.gov/pn](http://www.usbr.gov/pn)  
Coast Guard - [www.uscg.mil/d13/default.htm](http://www.uscg.mil/d13/default.htm)  
Dept. of Energy, Albany Research - [www.alrc.doe.gov](http://www.alrc.doe.gov)  
Department of Homeland Security - [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov)  
Dept. of Housing & Urban Dev. - [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)  
Department of Justice - [www.usdoj.gov](http://www.usdoj.gov)  
Department of Veterans Affairs - [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)  
Environmental Protection Agency - [www.epa.gov/region10](http://www.epa.gov/region10)  
Federal Bureau of Investigation - [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)  
Federal Energy Regulatory Comm. - [www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us)  
Fish & Wildlife Service - [pacific.fws.gov](http://pacific.fws.gov)

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SBA's SCORE Program - [www.scorepdx.org/brc.htm](http://www.scorepdx.org/brc.htm)

Food & Drug Administration - [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov)  
Forest Service - [www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us)  
General Services Admin. - [www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov)  
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National Labor Relations Board - [www.nlr.gov](http://www.nlr.gov)  
Natural Resources Conserv. Svc. - [www.or.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov)  
Oregon Military Dept. - [www.oregon.gov/OMD](http://www.oregon.gov/OMD)  
Rural Development - [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov)  
Social Security Administration - [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)  
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Transportation Security Admin. - [www.tsa.dot.gov/public](http://www.tsa.dot.gov/public)  
U.S. Office of Personnel Management - [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov)  
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